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Some 2,000 students took part in yesterday's anti-cutbacks demonstration, which wound its way through campus and the city to the Palais de Justice.

McGill will not comply with Saudi racism

by Steven Yudin

McGill University will not enter into any exchange agreements with Saudi Arabia which discriminates against Jews.

"We are not going to sign any agreements of that kind," said Professor Walter Hirschfeld, head of McGill International, the group which is negotiating an exchange program with King Faisal University.

Hirschfeld said the organisation would pull out from the program if the Saudis refused to allow McGill students or staff to enter their country because of their ethnic background. The McGill International executive had been quoted in other Montreal media as saying that it was "probably more beneficial to continue exchanges" with a racist country "in order to educate the people."

"The situation has been ignominiously discussed," Hirschfeld told the *Daily*. "I'm aware that difficulties can arise at any stage (of negotiation). We are aware the country

(Saudi Arabia) has racist overtones. One of the possible ways of reducing disagreements is working them out. We have an expressed interest in modes of cooperation.

"There comes a time when you can't work out disagreements. That may come, God forbid, in this case, but I hope not," he said.

Hirschfeld said he agreed with yesterday's *Gazette* editorial, which stated that any exchange agreement involving anti-semitism "would of course be utterly unacceptable." It advised Concordia University, which is also negotiating a Saudi exchange, to "sign (the agreement) and test it."

"It's a pretty good statement," said Hirschfeld. "It applies, of course, to us."

The University of Toronto has already signed a five year program with King Faisal University, which is believed to exclude any discriminatory restrictions.

Concordia University has not ruled out participating in an exchange program with the Saudis, despite criticism from students and staff. A meeting held yesterday stated that the administration would approach such an agreement cautiously and would reject anything which "represents acquiescence to discriminatory" practices.

Regalado released from jail

by Suzy Goldenberg

A government-certified "public menace" is back on the streets of Montréal.

In a surprise decision delighting civil rights activists, Victor Manuel Regalado Britto was released yesterday afternoon from the Immigration detention centre at Dorval.

The decision overturned last week's ruling by the previous adjudicator, Claude Perron, that Regalado still constitutes a threat to the Canadian public and should remain in jail. This

Students take it to the streets

by Paula Siepniewicz

"Keep kids in school, not in tweed jackets from Eatons" and "you can't hold classes in the Ville Marie Expressway" read two placards among the two thousand outraged students demonstrating against government cutbacks in education yesterday.

The demonstrators met in front of the Union Building early yesterday afternoon, marched around campus, through the Leacock, Engineering, and Bronfman buildings, chanting "save your classes, get off your asses" and "cut the bullshit, not the budget".

In the Engineering building, the students were yelling "Bruce, Bruce, Bruce" referring to the President-elect of Students' Society, Bruce Williams, an engineering student. Williams joined the demonstration.

McGill students were not alone in their action against the cuts. Students from MacDonald College, Université de Montréal, Concordia, Vanier College, and Dawson College joined them on the university campus, and the group marched east together along Sherbrooke, towards the Palais de Justice.

The mob was quite a sight for

bystanders. Some students were chanting "non, non, Parizeau", others were singing "Solidarité mes soeurs" and "The International", and a talented pair were juggling on the sidelines.

At the Hydro Québec building at St. Urbain and Dorchester, the engines of the police motorcycles purred and the mob watched silently as three Concordia students performed modern dance to maracas and tambourines, contorting themselves around their placards, the police, and each other.

Some cynics in the crowd doubted that all of the participants completely understood the issue behind the demonstration, but comments from students in the crowd belied this idea.

Said one McGill student, "I think it is really important to demonstrate because they are cutting back in important programs — every area in the university will be affected, whether the students are aware of it or not".

"I'm going to be graduating next year," said another, "but I'm still very concerned about the cutbacks. Education is a

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PSSA president stumbles constitutionally

by Richard Gold

Confusion surrounds the Political Science Students' Association's (PSSA) elections following the close of nominations Wednesday.

The two nominees for Vice-President, Alayne Adams and David Shapiro, decided they didn't want to run against each other, according to Jo-Anne Velin, president of PSSA.

"One wanted to switch out and run for another position,"

said Velin.

The two approached her after the nominations had been closed, during the nominees instructional meeting. In the absence of the Chief Returning Officer, who was out of town, Velin agreed to allow either Adams or Shapiro to run for another position.

This action is prohibited in the PSSA's soon-to-be ratified constitution.

Yesterday morning Velin retracted her previous decision. "We go back to what we had at Wednesday at 5:00 pm (when nominations officially closed)," said Velin.

"I realize now that I overstepped my authority, and accept full responsibility for the confusion," she said.

Out of the five positions available in the executive, two are still uncontested. Nominations for these two posts have

been extended to Monday at 9:00 am.

The nominees for the March 18th elections are: for President — Daniel Ashkenazy and Lawrence Zlatkin; Vice-President — Adams and Shapiro; Treasurer — Daniel Weinstock; U3 representative — Jacob Stillman; U2 rep — Robin Halickman, Dennis Marinakis and Caroline Pinto.

staying with friends in Montréal.

A jubilant Regalado and Saint-Pierre expressed their pleasure over the recent ruling.

"We're both extremely happy," said Saint-Pierre. Canadian Immigration did a shocking about-face, he added.

"He (Roland Duvall, the prosecutor) used all our old arguments in his presentation," Saint-Pierre noted.

Evidently, Duvall recalled the alleged illegality of Regalado's detention at Parthenais. He noted what he termed the inconsistencies in Immigration minister, Lloyd Axworthy's behavior during the case and the humanitarian imperatives against detaining a political refugee. As well, Duvall pointed to the many prominent persons who had stepped forward to guarantee Regalado's conduct

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Elections

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374 - PERSONAL

To my tri-national sidekick: may we share headaches, heartaches and hyperactivity in 2020. You happen to be the best friend this tortilla's ever had.

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MARCH 25th, 6 P.M. - LEACOCK 26
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- 1) Review & account on year's activities
- 2) Elections
- 3) New Issues

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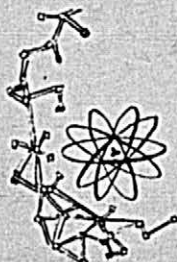
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The following positions are available:

- Editor-in-Chief
- News Editors (4)
- French Edition Editor
- Weekly Editor
- Science Edition Editor
- Photo Editor
- Production Manager
- Assistant Production Manager
- Sports Editor
- Staff Representatives to the Daily Publications Society (3)

Elections and screenings will be held Friday, March 12, at 4:00 pm, in the student lounge, room B01 of the Student Union Bldg. Nominations must include nominee's name, and the signatures of the nominator and seconder, all of whom must be voting Daily staff members.

Polish committee doesn't want PQ money

by Peter F. Kuitenbrouwer

The Parti Québécois has \$50 to donate to the cause of working people, but they can't find anyone to accept it.

A committee of Montrealers set up to support the Solidarity trade union in Poland decided to refuse the P.Q.'s check, sent in December, because they claim the party is anti-labour.

Yves Legault, an organizer of the *Comité solidarité avec les ouvriers de Pologne*, said they first debated refusing the money after the National Assembly passed Bill 47 which forced striking Montreal Urban

Community Transit Commission (MUCTC) workers back to their jobs in January.

"But we waited until the P.Q. Congress to see if party members would denounce the bill. When they did not, we decided to refuse the money," Legault said.

"The governments who attack workers' rights should be denounced here and elsewhere," he said.

The committee instead sent the check to the three transit workers unions, along with a letter denouncing the government's labour policies. They

suggested the union use the money towards their fight for a better contract with the MUCTC.

However, the maintenance workers' union decided in a general assembly meeting Sunday not to cash the check, while the office workers and drivers still have to vote on the issue.

"They will be holding general assemblies very soon, and they probably will refuse the money as well," Legault said.

"The Confederation des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN) does not accept money from a government that condemns the

workers," said Jacques Beaudoin, who works for the CSN and the transit workers' union.

However, the P.Q. said their support for Solidarity in Poland has nothing to do with their record on workers' rights.

"The party supports the Polish people because they, like the Québécois, have been badly treated for hundreds of years," said Louise Sexton of the party's public relations office in Montreal.

"It has nothing to do with being a bourgeois or a proletarian," she said. "It has

to do with being a person. It is a humanitarian position.

"The committee for international relations of the government of Quebec is in contact with Solidarity representatives in this province," Sexton said. "They are very surprised at the committee's actions."

Sexton noted that the Parti Québécois raised \$2,500 for the Solidarity union in a collection taken at its' most recent congress.

Suzanne Loignon at Labour Minister Robert Dean's office in Québec said "I have no comment (about the check) except to say that the money was sent by the Parti Québécois and not the government."

Sexton also noted the distinction and called the Solidarity committee and maintenance workers' unions' actions "selective segregation."

"The transit unions represent only themselves and do not do a good service to the people they are supposed to represent," she said.

"Bill 47 was a temporary measure to protect the population, many of whom have worse working conditions than these unionized workers," said Sexton.

Both Sexton and Loignon refused comment on the possibility of a new transit strike until the report of a conciliation committee struck yesterday from government and union representatives to discuss Bill 47.

Mikado is successful Gilbert & Sullivan

by Peter Tannenbaum and Nuncée Gaborone

This is a story about art — namely, the Savoy Society's production of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera *The Mikado*, which can be seen today, tomorrow, or on March 18th, 19th, or 20th.

REVIEW

A successful production of *The Mikado* calls for imagination and verve, both of which can be found in abundance in

this production. The costumes and set are fanciful, but not overbearing.

The staging though elaborate is sometimes a little clumsy; but it is effective in conveying the action implicit in the libretto to the audience. The acting was appropriately exaggerated, without being overdone. There is an atmosphere of good fun on stage which communicates itself well to the audience.

Christopher Linstrom as Nanki-Poo, creates a sympathetic hero. His soaring tenor

voice is high-lighted in several of the opera's more well-known arias.

Shelagh Hamilton convincingly portrays a Yum-Yum as much in love with herself as with her paramour. Desmond Byrnes is sublimely supercilious as the pompous Pooh-Bah and Elizabeth Bolton portrays a delightfully nasty Katisha — you should see her left shoulder blade!

Special kudos should go to Paul Farthing for his interpretation of Ko-Ko. The comic tenor role in Gilbert & Sullivan operas calls for a special persona, as epitomized by Martyn Greene. Ko-Ko is the brunt of much of Gilbert's satire and usually gets many of the opera's "good" lines. And these good lines are delivered well by Farthing.

The famous "patter" song in all G & S productions, (in this case "I've got a little list") puts

Farthing's powers of enunciation to the test. And our Ko-Ko succeeds with flying colours — he never muffs a line (What never? - Well, hardly ever.)

As to the other librettos, keep your ears attuned for a few "Canadianisms" which have somehow snuck their way into these Japanese with characters with British accents.

As to the quality of the musical production, the director Winston Purdy should be congratulated, along with the male and female chorus, for a more than adequate presentation. The quality of the singing is such that it is almost able to cover up some of the off intonation and timing problems of the orchestra (but it was only a dress rehearsal, anyway.)

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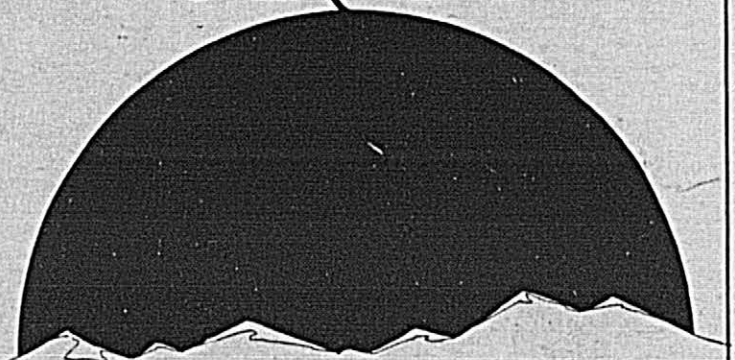
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while in Canada.

Although the decision represents some sympathy towards Regalado on the part of Immigration Canada, former case presenting officer (prosecutor), Yves Lemay was quick to observe that Regalado's release is a separate issue from

the deportation order issued against him. Although Regalado was granted his liberty the threat of expulsion remains. Regalado's lawyers submitted a plea against deportation to the Immigration appeal board, February 18th.

Carlos Valles, of Salvapresse was more hopeful. He said he thinks this most recent decision reveals Axworthy is ready to change his mind on Regalado's deportation. A certificate signed by Axworthy that declares Regalado a danger to national security was the primary reason for the deportation order.

"I think this is a hopeful thing," Valles said. "We have reason to be optimistic about this."

Storm the Palais!

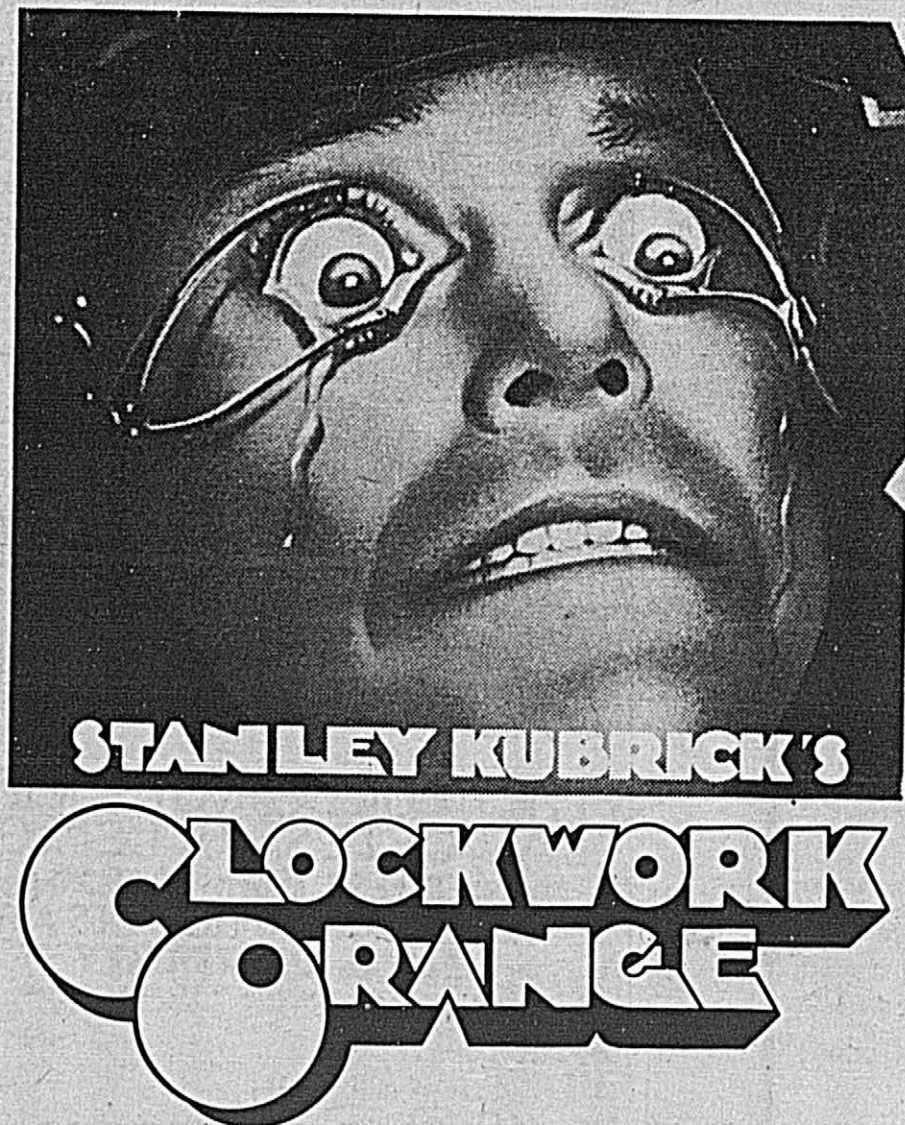


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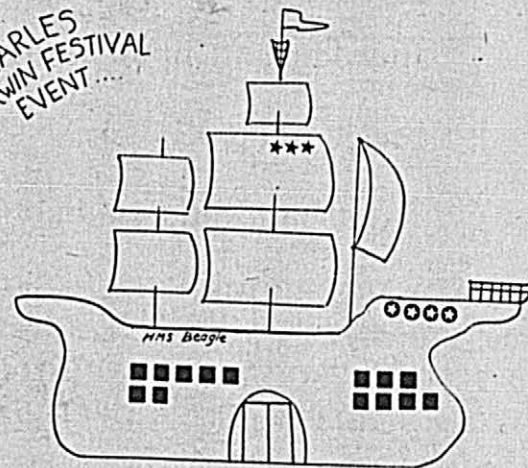
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McGill, Concordia, ANEQ, march

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vital service, and when the cuts really hit us the quality of our education will decline, and the chances of higher tuition will increase, tuition that will be too high for too many people."

While most of the participants seemed pleased with the demonstration, some think that it was not sufficient.

"I think it's a good start," stated Brian Fish, VP Finance at McGill Students' Society, "but in order to have more attention paid to us by the provincial and federal governments, who are seriously compromising the future of Québec and Canada, we have to go further, ie., occupy."

Most of the demonstrators appeared to agree. The crowd started chanting "occupy, occupy!" in front of the Palais de

Justice, at the end of the march, but marshalls blocked the entrance to the building, and the crowd dispersed without incident.

Keith Hennessy, VP Internal of Students' Society and an active participant in the anti-cutbacks campaign, was disappointed. "We had a warm-up demo last November when a thousand McGill students protested against the cuts. This demo was supposed to be the big one — the one to show that out of twenty thousand students there are more than a thousand who care. When I look at the students' attitudes now, especially in light of the recent Students' Society elections, I am not convinced that the campaign is going to be any stronger next year."

Commenting on the demonstration, Bruce Ness, McGill Coordinator against Cutbacks, said that "the turnout was good, but should have been better, because every student is being affected. I'm sure that next year, if the cutbacks are still in effect, and they probably will be, there will be a stronger coalition against the cutbacks, with greater participation."

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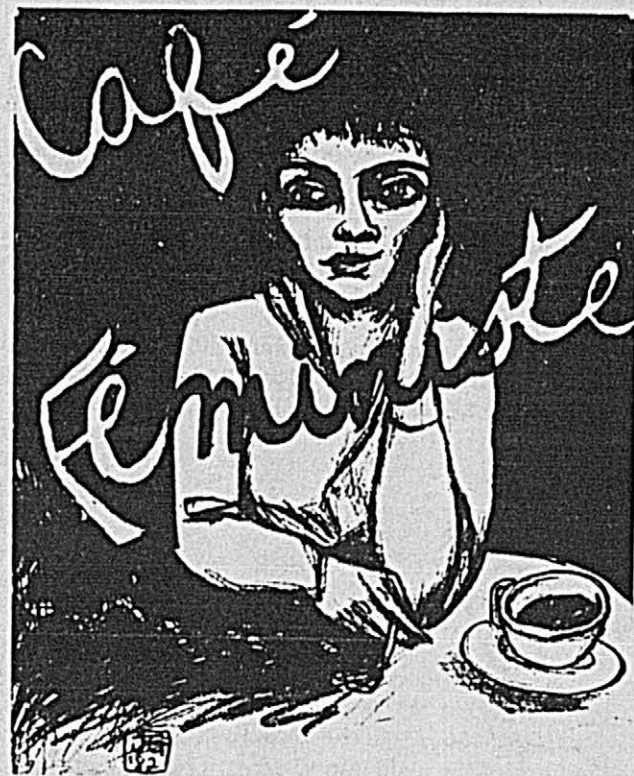
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"If we secure El Salvador for that dictator, then we should store our nuclear waste there ... We want something in return."
Texas State Sen. Walter Mengden

Storm the Palais!

"We didn't occupy — it doesn't mean a thing."

The words of one frustrated demonstrator summed up the feelings of many students who attended yesterday's mass protest against government education cutbacks yesterday.

The scene is familiar to post-sixties campus militants; thousands of students marching down Montreal streets prior to converging on government offices, where, after a few short speeches from parade organizers, the demo peters out. Some students proceed to a university party, others go to bars to rap about politics and the great demos in other parts of the world, and a few linger behind wondering why, at the moment of decision, nothing happened.

What, indeed, occurs in those few minutes? When the protest organizers, after weeks of preparation, stand before thousands of psyched up demonstrators, chanting ever louder their slogans of discontent, ready for any course of action proposed to them. What goes through the minds of the planners?

Not much, really. Because in their fervent desire to gain a large, respectable contingent of demonstrators, they never actually know what plan of action to take at the climactic moment. They therefore fail to push the demonstration to an effective action. They even fail to demand that a bureaucrat respond by addressing their complaints.

At the crucial moment of decision, the leaders squabble quietly amongst themselves, divided as to the appropriate plan of action to take, afraid to entertain the idea of (horrors!) occupying the "Palais du Justice."

"O.K. folks" they'll say to the crowd. "Let's be good little citizens and go on home." Home to the sheltered life of those who fear to take initiative and challenge the government on their own turf. Those who are afraid to provoke six officers of the law, when four thousand angry students are ready to storm the building and tell the government in no uncertain terms what they think of its policies towards funding post-secondary education.

It appears students have to be threatened with conscription to have the balls to engage in civil disobedience, to throw some fear into the hearts of mindless bureaucrats posing as leaders of a nation. Too bad. A few days from now those bureaucrats won't be able to recall the scene. And why should they — we left them nothing to remember us by.

However, the few who remain behind the fading crowds of another useless demonstration will remember the smirks and laughter of bureaucrats — as we drag our knees back to class.

Steven Yudin
Tony Chuck Munter
Maira Ambrose

Don't storm the Palais

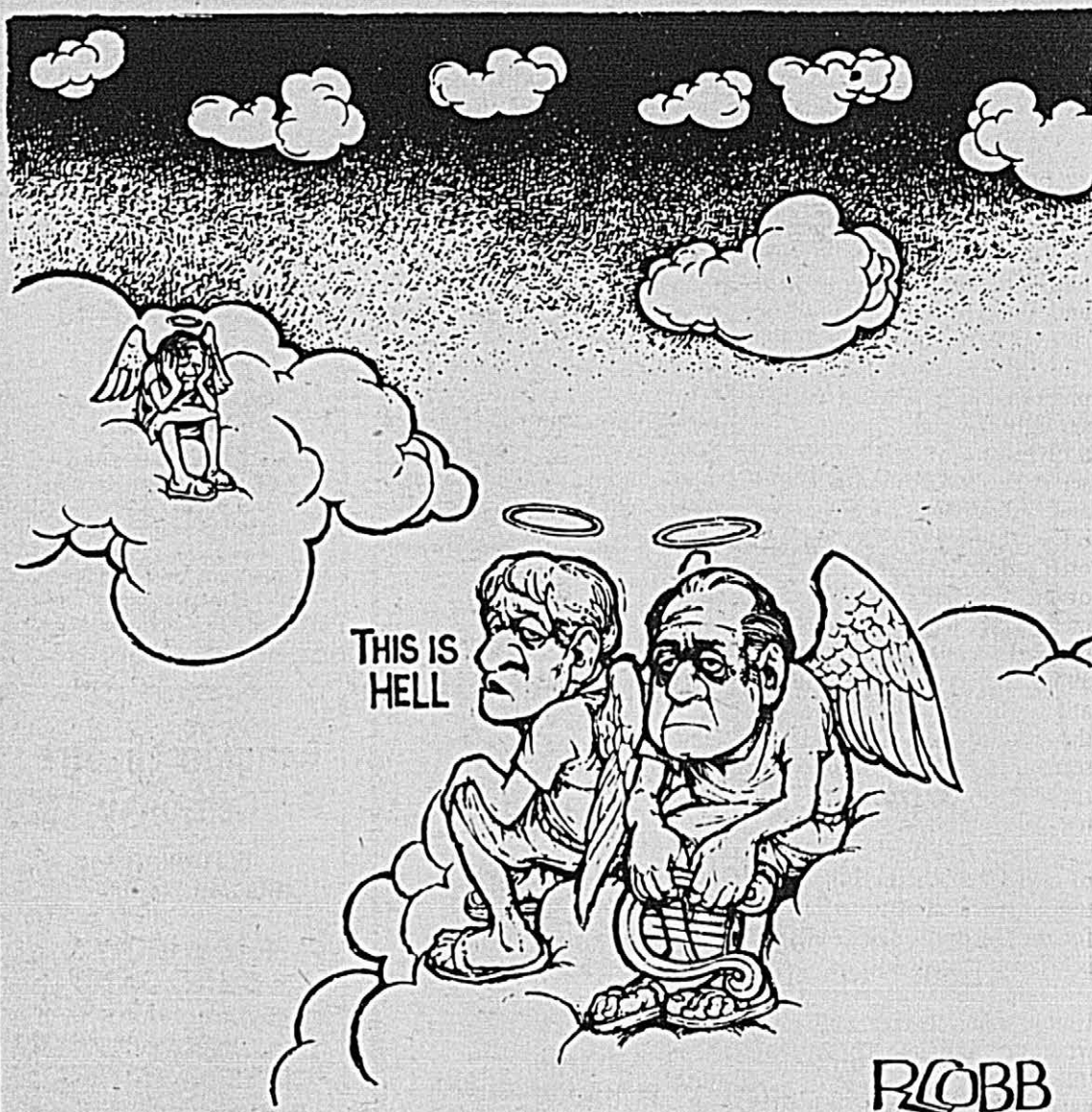
I disagree with the line set out in the comment above. My colleague Steve Yudin is upset because we didn't storm the Palais de Justice yesterday. But seriously, folks; there were four guards in front of the main doors, perhaps two dozen more in the building, two-dozen policemen within a hundred yards of the demo, and the riot squad presumably available somewhere in case of the type of action Steve proposes.

Protestors in this city and in others across the continent have learned over the past decade or two that, unless they act in overwhelming numbers, they are not a match for the police (or, as Steve might put it, the "oppressive arm of the state") in a pitched battle. Why would 2,000-odd students who took an afternoon off to let the government know they are unhappy with underfunding want to get their heads beaten in on the steps of the city courthouse?

The value of the demo was that it showed that students take education cutbacks seriously and will fight them. We will have occasion to make that point many times in the years to come. It was too bad the organizers didn't arrange for speeches and/or some other anger-venting event.

But a pitched battle? "A fool and his skull are soon parted," as a wise person probably once said.

Brian Topp



House notes

Daily marathon of hope set

The *Daily* marathon screenings and elections for positions on the Editorial Board and Board of Directors will be held tonight, starting at 4:00 p.m., in B01 of the Student Union Building. Nominations are now closed, but will open again for a mere five minutes before the screenings for each position. Here are the nominees thus far:

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Peter D. Findlay
Richard John James Flint
G. Pierre Goad
Wendy Jones
Brahm Pascal Resnik (again)
Dave Samuel
Earle Taylor
Bruce Williams
Steve Yudin

News Editor: (four to be elected)
Maira Ambrose
Suzanne Goldenberg
G. Pierre Goad
Nancy D. Kingsbury
Peter Kuitenbrower
Peter Morgan
Albert Nerenberg
Weekly Editor:
Chris Cavanagh
G. Pierre Goad
French Edition Editor:
Christianne Roberge
Bianca Tessier-Lavigne
Science Edition Editor:
Richard Gold

Production Manager:
Tony Chuck Munter
Assistant Production Manager:
Kristal van Ineveld & Sarah Wells,
(co-assistant production managers)
Dave Samuel
Photo Editor:
Edward G. Arzouin
Donna Gulbranson
Carol Murray
Staff Representative to Board of Directors: three to be elected
Chris Cavanagh
Richard Gold
Albert Nerenberg
Brian Topp

Only staff members can vote. To become a *Daily* staff member, one must have contributed at least six pieces of work (two production hours, articles, photos) and attended at least one staff meeting. If your name is not on the list below and you think it should be, or you are a voting staff member but can not attend the screenings and elections this evening and wish to vote by proxy, speak to the members of the Screenings and Elections Committee today between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the *Daily* office.

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Letters

Women's Union bad

To the Daily:

In light of recent discussion generated by the March 8 edition of the McGill Daily, the Women's Issue, we are writing to express our feelings towards the Women's Union.

We consider ourselves to be moderate and committed feminists. Yet the women's Union is not a vehicle which effectively represents our interests.

We believe that the Women's Union has a mandate to represent all women and unfortunately, is sometimes considered to be doing so. The Women's Union, *perceived* as a 'radical, predominantly lesbian, man-hating and sexually frustrated group of women,' is a caricature of itself. Its radical nature serves to alienate would-be sympathizers and adherents, as does its negative rather than positive and constructive orientation. This also causes resentment of the Women's Union and the movement itself. The Women's Union tend to make the same ignorant generalizations about men as they feel are unfairly made about women. In its eagerness to destroy the myth of male superiority, the Union seems to promote one of female superiority, thus fostering further anger towards feminism in general.

While we realize that the motivation of movements is such that they take extreme stances, it is time for change, time for the 'second stage'. What is required is an ideological shift.

While real issues exist, the Women's Union seems to create its own, such as whether Sadie's II ought to sell 'disreputable publications'. An alternative issue, one potentially affecting *all women*, is suggested by the March 8th article concerning a proposed reduction of the abortion facilities in Montreal.

In contrast to the Union itself, we have found that our views reflect those of a great number of people, both men and women. By moderating its attitudes, thus broadening its constituency, the Women's Union will be steps ahead in its quest for *equality*.

Talk of revolution is one way of avoiding reality. (John Kenneth Galbraith).

Lindsay DuBois
U1 Anthropology
Mary Vigoda
U1, Political Science
March 12, 1982

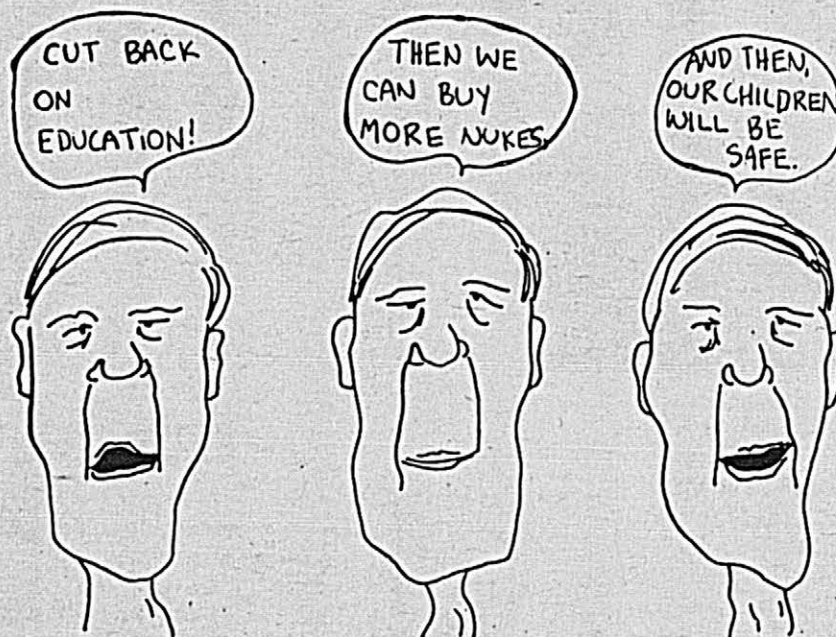
To the Daily:

Reading Dean Starkman's apology for convicted public enemies like Menachem Begin is a mind-boggling experience. Starkman is the most recent follower of a doctrine once described by George Orwell: how history can be re-written to suit one's political allegiances. Starkman praises Begin for clearing Israel of Palestinian resistants and blowing the Iraqi nuclear reactor. Actually, Begin has always had an awful record when examined honestly. In the 1940's, at the head of the Irgun, a Jewish-Fascist terrorist organization, he carried out murderous raids against Palestinian civilians. At their worst, his crimes would include the blowing up of barrels full of gunpowder and sharp pieces of metal near bus stops: the only purpose of such cowardly actions against Palestinian civilians was simply

to vent the "peaceful" instincts of Begin and his followers.

Does Mr. Starkman remember the bombing of the King David Hotel which killed in equal proportions Jews, Palestinians and Britishers? How about the massacre of Deir Yassin — with weapons supplied by the Haganah — in April 1948, in which 250 men, women and children were slaughtered by Begin's disciples, and the survivors were forced to parade before the Jewish inhabitants of Jerusalem, and who jeered the victims instead of pitying them.

Even Ben Gurion — who could be a brute himself when he wanted it — was forced to admit that Begin was a "fascist and a hoodlum." As for Begin's efforts to create peace, they are laughable. When you want peace you do not invade Lebanon, as in 1978, and devastate her cities because a Palestinian raid, a pin prick, was launched from there. When



—G. S. S. '82

you want peace, you do not annex, at super speed lest people should protest, the Golan Heights. When you want peace you do not proceed with the colonization of the West Bank by Jewish colonists despite international condemnation.

The list of Begin's misdeeds is a long one and any honest person knows it. As for the attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor there is no excuse for it. Not only did the Israelis fail to prove that it would produce nuclear bombs, but any intelligent statesman bent on getting peace would never make such a blunder. But I realize that preaching consistency and decency to hard core Zionists is a waste of time; it relieves the anger on the other hand. I would not be surprised if Starkman justified Begin's annexation of the West Bank. And who knows, maybe, when an Israeli nuclear bomb raises Damascus, he will also justify it for "security reasons".

Edward Lopes, M.A. History
March 10, 1982

About that display

To the Daily:

While I was looking at the Women's Union display in Redpath library in honour of International Women's Day, I noticed one small historical error as to the origins of this event. It was mistakenly stated that International Women's Day was chosen to commemorate a strike that had occurred in 1908 in Chicago.

Actually it was a 1908 strike in the garment industry in New York City, when thousands of women employees, walked out spontaneously and demanded an end to sweat-shop conditions, star-

vation wages, job victimization and the legal recognition of unionization rights and of the right to vote. These women also called on women around the world to celebrate March 8, the first day of the strike, as a day of international solidarity between women workers.

Salutations solidaires de la part du groupe des Socialistes International de McGill,

Michel-Adrien Sheppard.
March 12, 1982

Re Women's edition

To the Daily:

Thank you for your special women's edition. The one thing I have learned well in my many years as a feminist is that the power of role models cannot be underestimated. Nothing is more confidence-building than the face of a

woman breaking new ground, achieving personal power and prestige in spite of the pervasive subtleties of sexism. Set the example and your daughter will have all the ammunition she needs; perhaps that is one reason why women are systematically excluded from history books.

Christine Sarkes
U3, middle east studies
To vote, or...

To the Daily:

The two-person committee was formed on the eve of the recent Students' Society elections. We were walking around the campus trying to decide who to vote for, when it became apparent to us that much of the decision-making process was being affected by the campaign, and not by the issues. We realized how easy it would be to vote for the most impressive list of qualifications, or to be swayed by the slick layout and smiling faces of the campaign posters.

The irrationality of this possibility caused us to step back and ask a few questions. Concerning qualifications: would we automatically vote for the national Liberals or for Mayor Jean Drapeau just because they've been in power for so long and are "qualified"? Of course not! So why would we want to vote for a Students' Society candidate on the basis of "experience"?

Concerning poster layout and good looks: notwithstanding our neighbors to the south (we refer to the election of a certain actor), does it make sense to elect someone who "looks" competent? Again we answered in the negative. We wondered how many other superficial

factors were involved in the decision-making process. How many votes would Hicks and Williams get just because their names weren't Singh and Hotinsky? Who would decide not to vote for Maisie Cheung because of her ethnic origin? Similar ethnic-related questions were asked concerning the candidates with French or Jewish-sounding names.

We also considered the importance of both poster quantity and quality. Did a vote for the biggest and best mean a vote for a candidate with more financial resources? This last possibility was staggering. Was it possible that a person could be elected over another because the former was wealthier and could afford a fancy campaign?

The more we thought about the bias we'd discovered in our own process of decision, the more we realized that we were probably not alone in those biases. There was only one thing we could do. We pooled our limited resources (a few quarters) and xeroxed a mere handful of posters which expressed our consternation. Then we thinly posted them about campus.

But we knew it was too little too late. If we had truly desired to undermine the elaborate campaigns of a few of the candidates, we would have been forced to use the very same methods; good looks, and slickly designed campaign posters. Unfortunately, we possess neither the cute smiles nor the big bucks necessary for either.

The election is now over; our worst suspicions are realized. All that we are left with is the simple conviction that the recent elections were won to a large degree by appearances and not content, by ethnic background and financial resources, not by issue-related proposals.

It is depressing to consider how much we were inclined to vote for those false criteria until we realized our folly.

But the two person committee wants to make clear a few things. First, we are very much aware that our conclusions are not new ones; they've been made countless times before. Second, we are not necessarily opposed to the victorious candidates merely because of their campaign methods. Third, it is not our wish to imply that there was no one at McGill who voted responsibly.

Instead, we now proclaim war against the process which makes money and marketing the means to power. We oppose the victory of the superficial over the substantial. We stand against the tragic reality which honors appearances over an awareness of the issues and specific proposals.

It is our hope that we can join with other McGill students in concrete action.

Jeff Swartz
U2
For the committee

Please write

To the Daily:

I am presently confined in prison and have no one to correspond with. I would like to correspond with people of all ages, races, and religions; for the purposes of exchanging views on religion, social views, and general subjects. I will answer all letters promptly.

Sheridan Nesbitt No.128990
P.O.Box 45699
Lucasville, Ohio 45699
March 12, 1982

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For three years McGill students have been showing their support for divestment by participating in demonstrations, closing their accounts with the Bank of Montreal, and circulating petitions, the latest of which was signed by over 3000 McGill students and staff in just 2 weeks.

A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a large crowd of people, likely at a protest or rally. Many individuals have their arms raised in the air, suggesting a moment of collective action or celebration. The image is grainy and has a stark, graphic quality.

Because corporations which have financial ties to or are operating in South Africa have a strong voice on our Board:

The unwillingness of the Governors to divest McGill's holdings reflects a clear conflict of interests.

Further procrastination of *total* divestment is unjustifiable and marks the Board's disregard for the expressed wishes of the McGill community. The South Africa Committee has organized a picket line for the March 15 Board meeting. We intend to demand that the Board:

- accept the recent petition as an illustration of the wishes of the McGill community.
- allow an SAC member to address the Board
- make a public announcement, through a press communiqué on their decision regarding divestment from Mobil Corporation and Royal Dutch Shell
- demonstrate the absence of a conflict of interests by considering immediate divestment from the Bank of Montreal, Alcan, Noranda, and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.



DEMONSTRATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR DIVESTMENT

Monday, March 15

2:15 Union Lobby
3:00 Admin. Bldg.